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THE AMAZING
STORY OF...
**"SUPERMAN'S
OLD AGE!"**



LOOK, LOIS! IT'S
SUPERGIRL GROWN
UP INTO A **SUPERWOMAN**!
SHE'S FORGOTTEN ME, TOO--
LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE.
I'M A **HAS-BEEN**!

»SIGH«
DOESN'T IT MAKE
YOU THINK OF
THE OLD DAYS,
SUPERMAN,
WHEN YOU HAD
ALL YOUR SUPER-
POWERS? AND
AREN'T YOU SORRY
I'VE BECOME AN
OLD MAID?

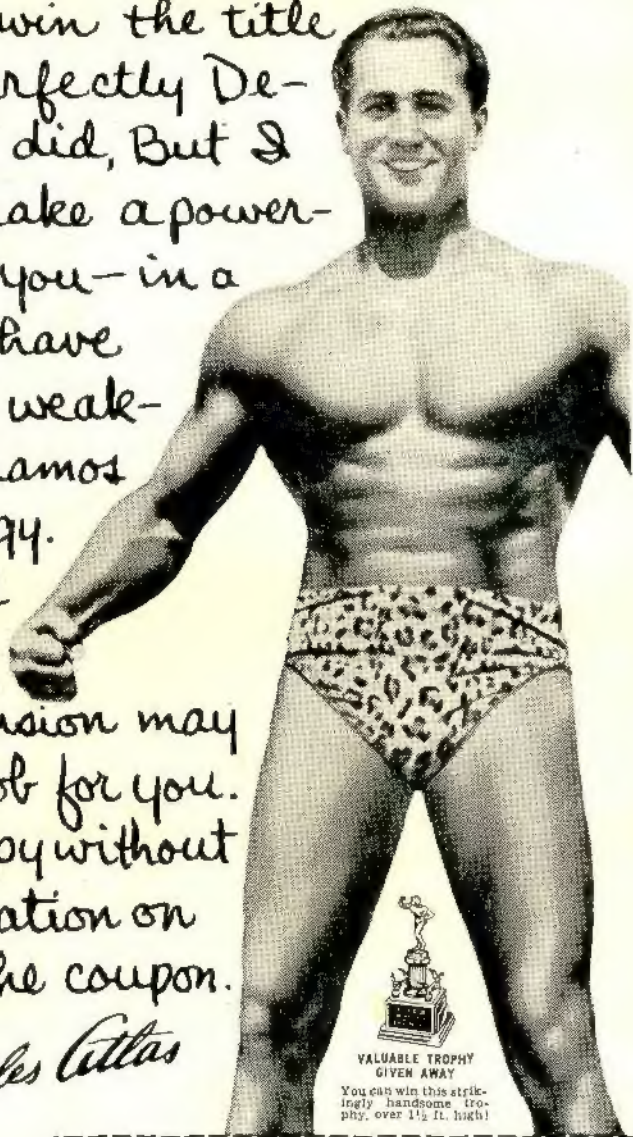


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SUPERMAN

**SUPERBABY...SUPERBOY...
SUPERMAN!** THESE
THREE STAGES OF LIFE
FOR THE MAN OF STEEL
ARE FAMILIAR TO ALL
OF US. BUT HAVE YOU
WONDERED ABOUT HIS
NEXT PHASE...**OLD AGE?**
WHAT WILL BE THE
FATE OF THE WORLD'S
MIGHTIEST MAN THEN?
EVEN SUPERMAN
WONDERS ABOUT THAT
AND GETS A SEEMING
GLIMPSE INTO THE
FUTURE THAT WILL
STARTLE YOU, AS
WELL AS HIM, IN ...

"The OLD MAN of METROPOLIS!"



IN METROPOLIS ONE DAY, AT THE
PLANET, EDITOR PERRY WHITE GIVES
CLARK (SUPERMAN) KENT AN OUT-OF-
TOWN ASSIGNMENT...

CLARK, I'VE ARRANGED
FOR YOU TO GO TO THE
MIDVALE ORPHANAGE TO
WRITE UP THE TALENTS
OF GIFTED CHILDREN!
THE PUBLICITY WILL
HELP THEM BECOME
ADOPTED.

I'LL BE
GLAD TO
HELP,
PERRY!

LATER, AS CLARK ARRIVES IN THE FLYING NEWSROOM
HELICOPTER...



BUT I'LL HAVE TO GIVE
VERY LITTLE CREDIT TO ONE
GIRL HERE...**LINDA LEE!**
IF I HELPED HER BECOME
ADOPTED, SHE WOULD
EVENTUALLY BE EXPOSED
AS **SUPERGIRL!**



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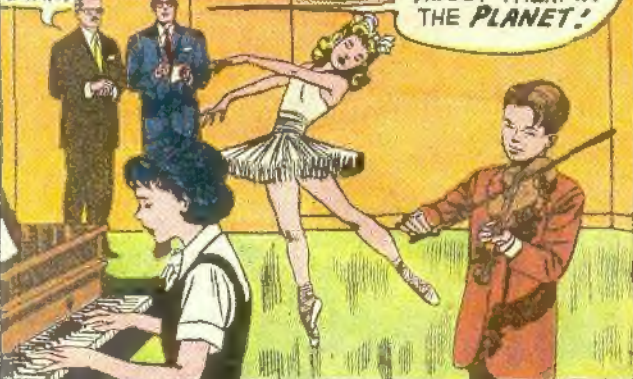
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SOON, AS THE HEADMASTER ASKS THE ORPHANS TO PERFORM FOR CLARK...

JOHNNY HAS MUSICAL GENIUS! AND MARY CAN BECOME A BALLET STAR!

I'M SURE THEY'LL BE ADOPTED AFTER PEOPLE READ ABOUT THEM IN THE PLANET!



WHEN IT IS COUSIN LINDA (SUPERGIRL) LEE'S TURN...

HOW DO YOU LIKE MY PAINTING, SIR?

WE'RE COUSINS... BUT WE'RE ACTING LIKE STRANGERS! I'LL WINK SO LINDA WILL UNDERSTAND I'M ONLY PRETENDING TO BE "UNKIND"...

I'M AFRAID YOU'RE NOT A VERY GOOD...ER... ARTIST, MY DEAR!



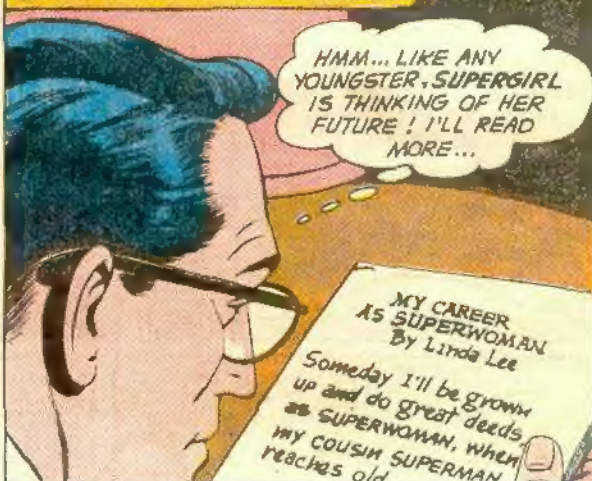
WELL, I'VE ALSO WRITTEN A STORY! PLEASE TAKE IT HOME AND SEE IF I CAN BE A WRITER WHEN I GROW UP, SIR!

HMM... I WONDER WHAT KIND OF A STORY LINDA WROTE?



CLARK FINDS OUT, BACK HOME...

HMM... LIKE ANY YOUNGSTER, SUPERGIRL IS THINKING OF HER FUTURE! I'LL READ MORE...



MY CAREER AS SUPERWOMAN
By Linda Lee

Someday I'll be grown up and do great deeds as SUPERWOMAN, when my cousin SUPERMAN reaches old

BUT SOON... I STILL FEEL A BIT WEAK AFTER THAT HUGE KRYPTO-NITE METEOR FELL NEAR ME THIS MORNING! I GOT A BAD EXPOSURE FROM THE RAYS THEN! I'LL TAKE A NAP...



SUDDENLY, THERE'S A ROARING SOUND AT THE WINDOW!



A RUNAWAY ROCKET! IT WAS LAUNCHED AT CAPE CANAVERAL BUT WENT WILD! IT MAY CRASH HERE! I'LL CHANGE TO SUPERMAN AND OVERTAKE IT!

ZZZOOOOOM

SECONDS LATER, HE'S FORCED TO USE HIS MOST BLAZING SUPER-SPEED...

I SMASHED THE ROCKET, BUT I... ER... CAN'T SLOW DOWN BEFORE EXCEEDING THE SPEED OF LIGHT!



THUS, WITHOUT PLANNING IT, SUPERMAN CROSSES THE TIME-BARRIER!

WHY, I'M IN THE FUTURE METROPOLIS... PEOPLE'S CLOTHING, THE BUILDINGS... THEY'RE ALL CHANGED! EVERYTHING IS DIFFERENT EXCEPT ME!



SUPERMAN IS WRONG, AS AN AMAZING REFLECTION OF HIMSELF PROVES!

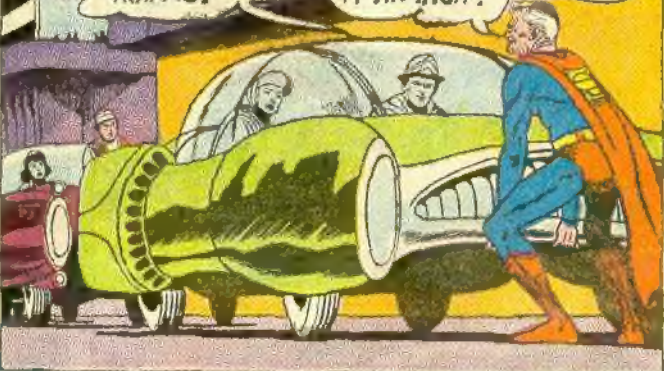
GREAT SCOTT! I'M... I'M AN OLD MAN! IN SOME MYSTERIOUS MANNER I'VE SKIPPED FROM YOUNG MANHOOD TO OLD AGE!



AND AS THE OLD MAN OF STEEL TRIES TO AID SOMEONE NEARBY...

MY ROCKETMOBILE STALLED! I'M BLOCKING TRAFFIC!

DON'T WORRY, SIR! I'LL LIFT IT AWAY LIKE A FEATHER... OOF! WH-WHAT'S WRONG? WHY CAN'T I-I EVEN BUDGE IT AN INCH?



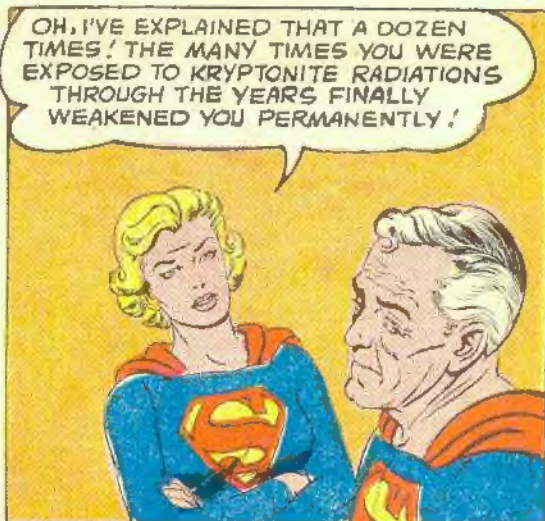
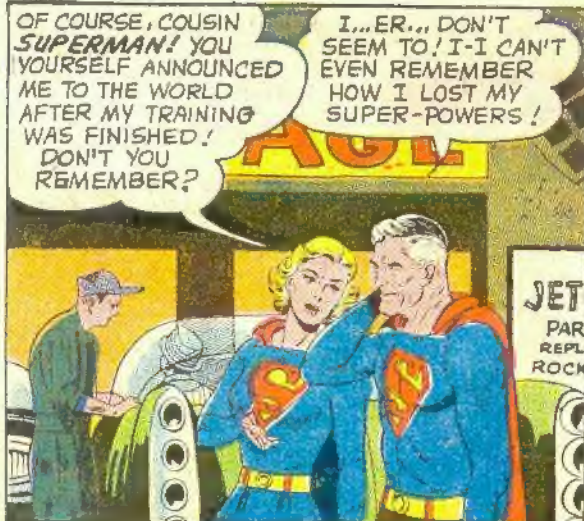
I... I'VE LOST MY SUPER-STRENGTH! GIVE UP, OLD MAN! HERE COMES SOMEONE WHO CAN HELP ME! THANK HEAVENS SHE WAS PATROLLING METROPOLIS AS USUAL!



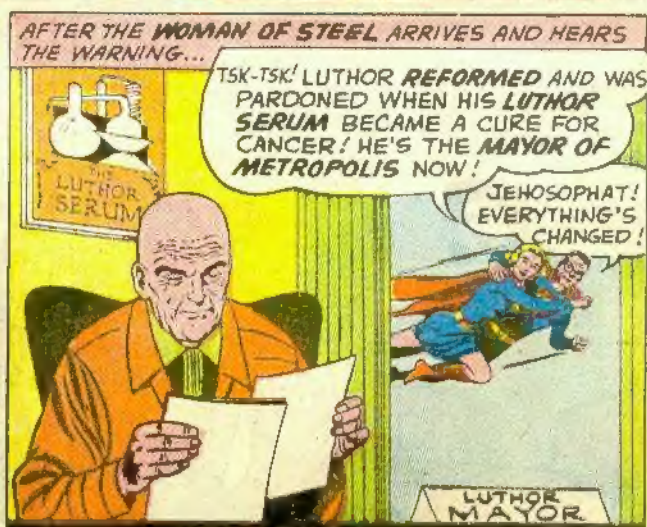
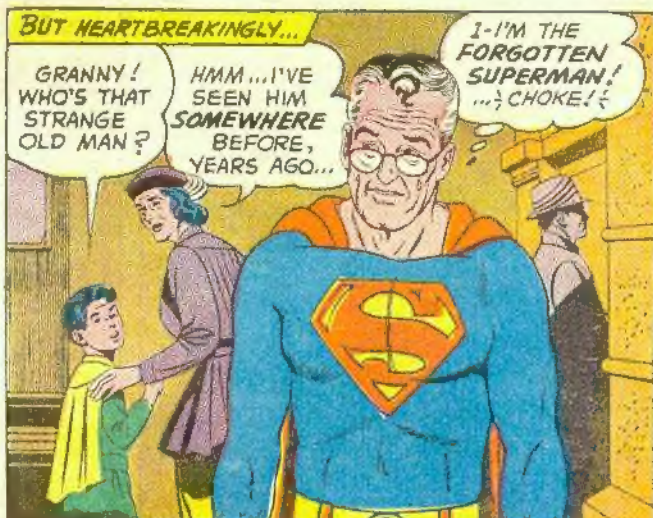
MUCH OBLIGED, SUPERWOMAN! WHAT WOULD WE DO WITHOUT YOU?

GREAT STARS! YOU'RE SUPERGIRL GROWN UP! BUT YOUR VERY EXISTENCE ON EARTH WAS UNKNOWN IN 1960! DOES EVERYONE KNOW ABOUT YOU NOW?











LATER, SUPERMAN'S LONELY HEART LEAPS WITH JOY, WHEN...

THAT DOG LOOKING FOR SCRAPS OF FOOD... IT'S KRYPTO! HE'S MY SUPERDOG... OR WAS! HE'S OLD NOW AND ALSO LOST HIS SUPER-POWERS OR ELSE HE WOULD BE OUT ROMPING THROUGH SPACE! WELL, HE CAN BE MY PET AGAIN!



BUT SUPERMAN HAS FAILED TO NOTICE A TRUCK NEARBY...

BACK TO THE DOG-POUND, MUTT! YOU WON'T ESCAPE AGAIN!

OH NO! TH-THE DOGCATCHER GOT HIM! I'M TOO OLD TO LEAP OVER THIS WALL! I'LL SIGNAL FOR SUPERWOMAN TO SAVE KRYPTO!

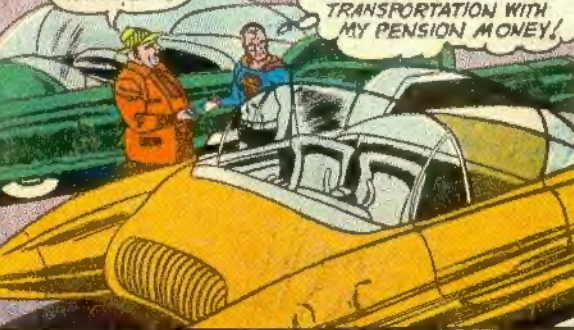


OH... JIMMY'S SIGNAL-WATCH JUST FELL APART FROM...ER...OLD AGE! THERE GOES KRYPTO... MY LAST FRIEND... OUT OF MY REACH... GULP!?



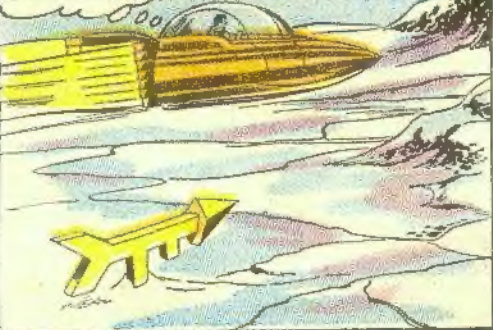
FEELING LONELY AND FORGOTTEN, WEARY OLD SUPERMAN DECIDES TO LEAVE THE CITY THAT ONCE HONORED HIM...

THIS USED ROCKET STILL HAS ENOUGH PEP TO FLY YOU TO THE NORTH POLE, MISTER!



BUT WHEN THE ROCKET REACHES THE DESOLATE ARCTIC...

I FORGOT ONE THING! WITHOUT SUPER-POWERS, HOW CAN I USE THAT GIANT KEY DISGUISED AS AN AIRPLANE MARKER? I...ER... CAN'T UNLOCK THE DOOR AND GET INTO MY FORTRESS!



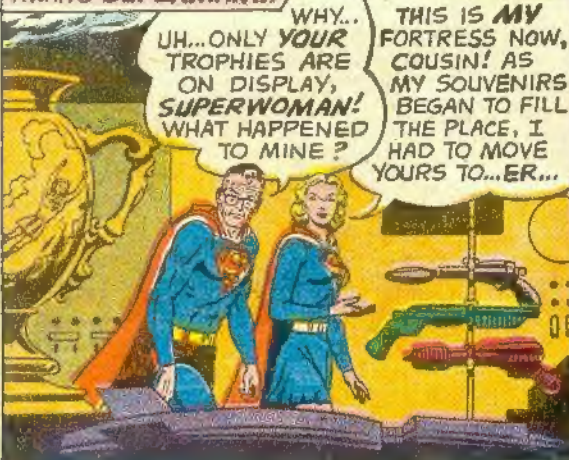
MUCH LATER, WHEN SUPERWOMAN HAPPENS TO ARRIVE...



COUSIN SUPERMAN! YOU CAME HERE?

BRRR! I'VE B-BEEN F-FREEZING F-FOR H-HOURS! I'M NOT INVULNERABLE TO C-COLD ANYMORE! HURRY, LET M-M-ME IN!

INSIDE THE FORTRESS ANOTHER PAINFUL SURPRISE AWAITS SUPERMAN...



WHY... UH... ONLY YOUR TROPHIES ARE ON DISPLAY, SUPERWOMAN! WHAT HAPPENED TO MINE?

THIS IS MY FORTRESS NOW, COUSIN! AS MY SOUVENIRS BEGAN TO FILL THE PLACE, I HAD TO MOVE YOURS TO...ER...

...THIS STORE-ROOM!

ALL MY TROPHIES... COVERED WITH DUST AND COBWEBS... ARE FORGOTTEN, LIKE ME! WELL, I HAD MY HOUR OF GLORY... IT'S SUPERWOMAN'S TURN NOW!



LOOKING FURTHER, SUPERMAN FINDS HIS MOST CHERISHED EXHIBIT MISSING...



KANDOR, THE TINY CITY IN THE BOTTLE -- WHO TOOK IT AWAY?

YOU DID, SUPERMAN! YOU PREVIOUSLY DEvised AN EXPANDER RAY THAT RESTORED IT TO NORMAL SIZE ON ANOTHER WORLD... HERE'S A MOVIE OF THE ENLARGED KANDOR!

KANDOR

LATER, SUPERMAN SADLY LEAVES WITH SUPERWOMAN...



DON'T YOU WANT TO LIVE HERE, SUPERMAN?

NO, SUPERWOMAN! IT COULDN'T BE LIKE HOME TO ME ANYMORE! I'LL GO BACK TO METROPOLIS AND RENT A LITTLE ROOM SOMEWHERE!

IN METROPOLIS, AFTER LANDING...

GREAT SCOTT!
THAT GLOWING
GREEN ROCK...
IT'S A KRYPTONITE
METEOR THAT FELL
HERE LAST NIGHT!
BUT WAIT...IT
ISN'T DANGEROUS
TO ME!

PARK
WEEKLY RATES



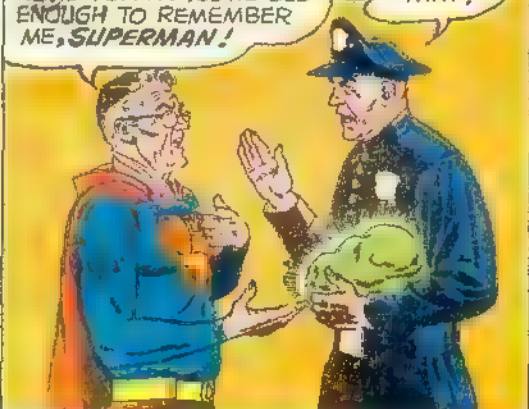
HOW CAN IT ROB
ME OF MY...ER...
SUPER-POWERS
WHEN I HAVE NONE
ANYMORE? I CAN PICK
IT UP WITHOUT
HARM!

HEY, YOU! IT'S
AGAINST THE LAW
TO HAVE KRYPTONITE!
IT'S THE ONLY THING
HARMFUL TO **SUPER-
WOMAN**, WHO
PATROLS OUR CITY!



BUT, OFFICER! I WAS
GOING TO GET RID OF
IT! YOU CAN TAKE MY
WORD FOR IT! YOU'RE OLD
ENOUGH TO REMEMBER
ME, **SUPERMAN**!

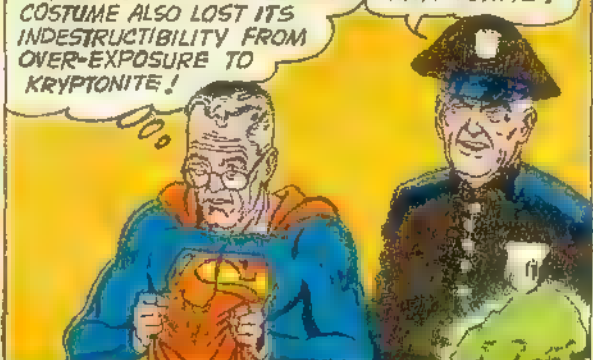
HA, HA! A LOT OF
OLD GEEZERS
LIKE YOU SAY
THAT!



I'LL PROVE IT!...
LOOK...I'M WEARING
MY INVULNERABLE
CAPE AND...

HUH? IT...
IT **RIPPED!** THEN MY SUPER-
COSTUME ALSO LOST ITS
INDESTRUCTIBILITY FROM
OVER-EXPOSURE TO
KRYPTONITE!

COME ALONG, YOU OLD
FAKER! YOU'LL PAY A
\$11,000 FINE OR SPEND
30 DAYS IN JAIL FOR
POSSESSING
KRYPTONITE!



UNABLE TO PAY THE FINE, **SUPERMAN** IS PUT
IN JAIL, WHERE HIS 'CELL-MATE' TURNS OUT
TO BE...

BIZARRO!
MY IMPERFECT
DOUBLE! DID
YOU LEAVE THE
BIZARRO WORLD?

YES, ME COME TO VISIT
EARTH JUST BEFORE OLD AGE
MADE ME LOSE MY SUPER-
POWERS! THEN ME COULDN'T
FLY HOME! ME GOT ARREST-
ED FOR VAGRANCY!



PRESENTLY, THE TWO OLDSTERS ATTEMPT TO
ESCAPE...

DOOR HINGES
AM RUSTED!
PUSH, **SUPERMAN**
...OOF!

PUFF!...IT'S NO USE, **BIZARRO!**
IN THE OLD DAYS EITHER OF US
COULD HAVE SMASHED THE
WHOLE JAIL APART! NOW WE'RE
BOTH AS WEAK AS KITTENS!





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RELEASE COMES FOR SUPERMAN LATER THROUGH A SURPRISE VISITOR!

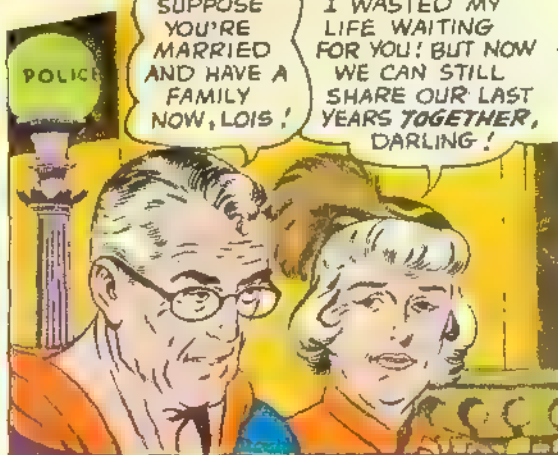
WHY, IT'S LOIS...
LOIS LANE!

I HEARD ABOUT YOUR TROUBLE, **SUPERMAN!** I PAID YOUR FINE! BUT I'M LETTING BIZARRO STAY! HE'S BEING TREATED KINDLY HERE!



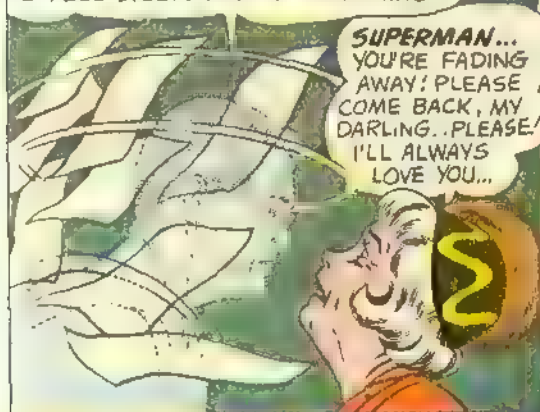
ER...I SUPPOSE YOU'RE MARRIED AND HAVE A FAMILY NOW, LOIS!

NO, SUPERMAN! I'M AN OLD MAID! I WASTED MY LIFE WAITING FOR YOU! BUT NOW WE CAN STILL SHARE OUR LAST YEARS TOGETHER, DARLING!



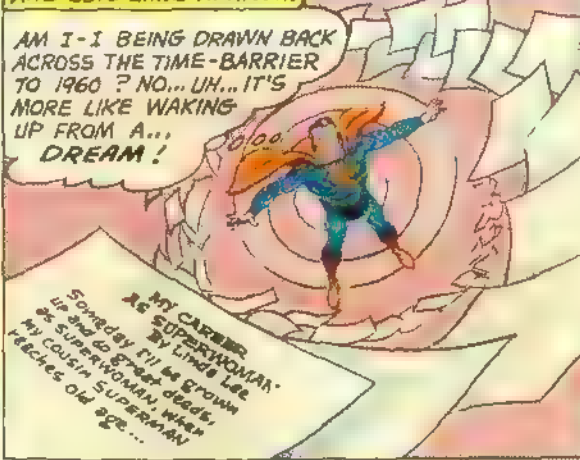
YES, LOIS, I'VE LOST MY SUPER-POWERS, SO THERE'S NO REASON WHY WE CAN'T MARRY... BUT... UH... I FEEL DIZZY! WHAT'S HAPPENING?

SUPERMAN... YOU'RE FADING AWAY! PLEASE COME BACK, MY DARLING... PLEASE! I'LL ALWAYS LOVE YOU...



AS UNCANNY FORCES SEEM TO TEAR SUPERMAN AND LOIS LANE APART...

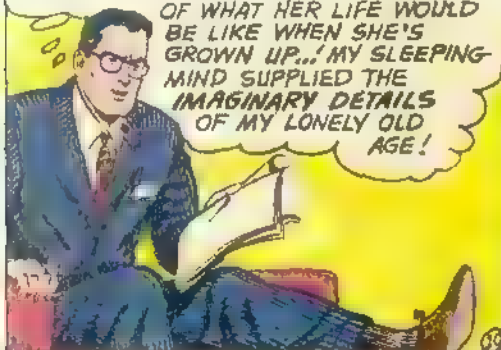
AM I-I BEING DRAWN BACK ACROSS THE TIME-BARRIER TO 1960? NO... UH... IT'S MORE LIKE WAKING UP FROM A... **DREAM!**



MY CAREER AS SUPERWOMAN...
By Linda Lee
Someday I'll be grown up and so great, dead, as SUPERWOMAN, when I reaches old age...

SUDDENLY, BACK IN CLARK KENT'S APARTMENT IN METROPOLIS...

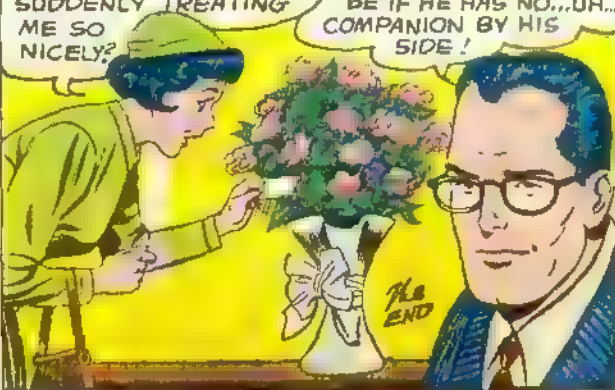
IT WAS A DREAM! SMASHING THE ROCKET... CROSSING THE TIME-BARRIER... BEING AN OLD MAN... ALL OF IT CAME FROM STARTING TO READ LINDA'S STORY OF WHAT HER LIFE WOULD BE LIKE WHEN SHE'S GROWN UP... MY SLEEPING-MIND SUPPLIED THE IMAGINARY DETAILS OF MY LONELY OLD AGE!



THE NEXT DAY, AT THE DAILY PLANET...

CLARK! THIS BOUQUET IS FROM **SUPERMAN!** GOODNESS! WHY IS HE SUDDENLY TREATING ME SO NICELY?

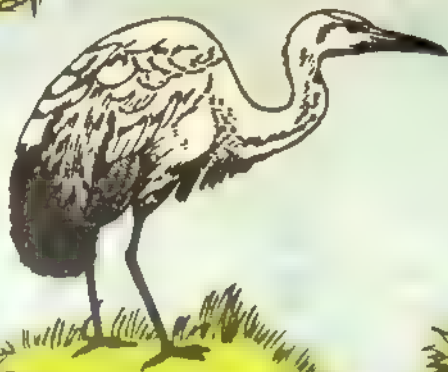
WHO KNOWS, CLARK? MAYBE HE... ER... IS THINKING HOW LONELY OLD AGE CAN BE IF HE HAS NO... UH... COMPANION BY HIS SIDE!



THE END

Let's go **HUNTING!**

WHITE EGRET



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TREE HERE RITE GREW TWIG TWIT

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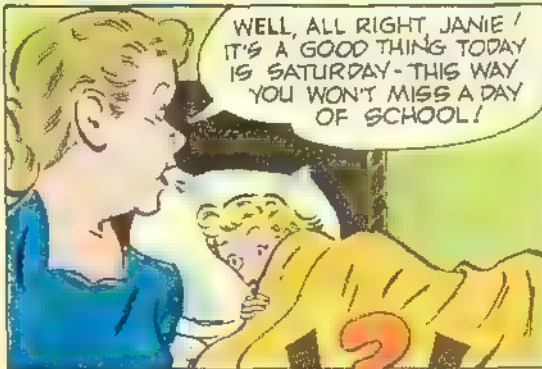
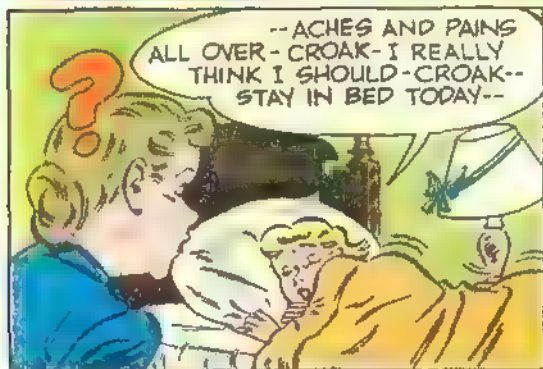
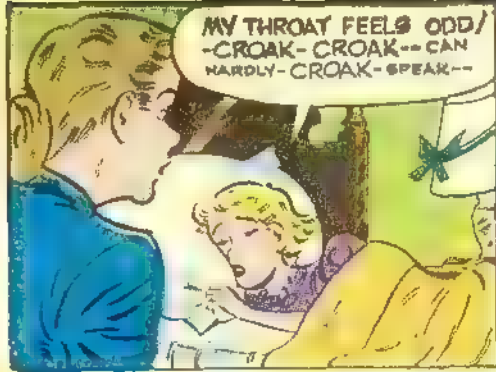
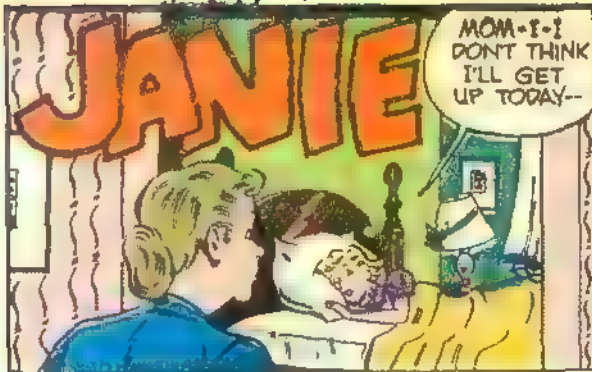
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COME WITH US TO THE FARAWAY PLANET OF **ZUMMOOR**... WHERE A SUPER-YOUTH, **MIGHTY BOY**, AND HIS SUPER-DOG, **RODO**, PROTECT THEIR WORLD FROM DANGER JUST LIKE **SUPERBOY** AND HIS DOG **KRYPTO** PATROL EARTH!

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See... **"The MYSTERY of MIGHTY BOY!"**

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METROPOLIS MAILBAG



Dear Editor: When SUPERMAN uses his X-ray vision on something to find it or magnify it, why doesn't it melt or burn up the object on which it's focussed? Please explain.

Dennis Novotny, Youngstown, Ohio
(Why don't your lungs burn up when the doctor X-rays your chest? It's as simple as that—SUPERMAN can control the power of the rays. When he wants to examine something, he only uses a minimum dose of the rays. When he wants to melt something, he turns on the radiations full power.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: Instead of giving us all of this alien-from-outer-space garbage, going back and forth in time trash, and prehistoric monster and giant robot monster nonsense, why don't you give us some sensible stories? Like for instance: Nazi spies, the Mafia, bootlegging, and the "Untouchables." Yeah, I said "The Untouchables." So far, in your magazines, we've seen SUPERMAN team up with Pat Boone, Ralph Edwards and you've promised us Mickey Mantle. So why don't we see SUPERMAN team up with Eliot Ness to go after notorious public enemies?

Bernie Heeney, Bayonne, N. J.

(The only way the Man of Steel could operate with Eliot Ness is to go back in time through the time-barrier. But you've got a thought there. Don't be surprised if we present a story soon in which SUPERMAN meets the Number 1 gangster of all time, Al Capone.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: Why is SUPERMAN so worried about his secret identity? If someone found out he was really Clark Kent, he could do one of four things, all of which he has done successfully in the past: (1) He could use amnesia gas. (2) He could super-hypnotize them into forgetting his secret. (3) He could use the rare space metal, Amnesium. (4) He could just adopt a new identity. I dare you to print this!

Chuck Pardie, Springfield, Va.

(We hate you for sending us this letter. Obviously, you're the type of person who goes around telling little kids that Santa Claus isn't real. Seriously speaking, we have answers to all your solutions. The amount of amnesia gas which exists is very little, as is the rare metal, Amnesium. Super-hypnosis can only be used on people who are willing to let themselves be hypnotized. As for adopting a new identity, SUPERMAN has tried that several times, but it has never worked out.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: My friends and I love reading your stories of SUPERMAN and his friends and enemies. The person we like best is SUPERGIRL.

But we can't wait for the day when she really reveals herself to the world. You say that she has been told by SUPERMAN not to show herself to anyone until she has learned to use her super-powers wisely. Well, we think from the stories you have written about her that she has been remarkably clever by performing her feats, yet concealing herself while doing them. Don't you think that some day very soon you can have her show herself to the world?

Tina Anderson, Collingswood, N. J.

(While we agree that SUPERGIRL has been extremely ingenious in her various missions thus far, there have been times when she has been indiscreet and careless. Why don't you read the story, "SUPERGIRL In Smallville", in the current issue of our companion magazine, ADVENTURE COMICS, and then let us know if you don't think the Girl of Steel has to "stay in training" for a little more time?—Ed.)

Dear Editor: You did such a swell job with your GIANT SUPERMAN ANNUAL, my friends and I can hardly wait for the next one, which you announced will be an "All-Menace" issue devoted to our favorite villains and monsters. Can you give us an idea as to some of the characters being considered for this next Annual?

Ruth Lyons, Chicago, Ill.

(Thus far the votes are coming in heavily for BIZARRO, BRAINIAC, LUTHOR, THE "THING" FROM 40,000 A.D., TITANO and THE "PHANTOM" SUPERMAN. Watch the SUPERMAN-DC magazines for further announcements. The "All-Menace" Annual will be on sale during November, 1960.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: In No. 257 of ACTION COMICS, you depict Hercules slugging a picture of SUPERMAN. Wouldn't the concussion knock down other bricks besides those he actually hit? Even though I seem like an old crank at pointing out mistakes, I love your books!

Nancy Nesfield, Levittown, L. I., N. Y.

(The impact with which Hercules hit the brick wall was so terrific his fist went clean through the wall, just the way a bullet fired from a rifle will pierce a window and leave only a bullet-hole as evidence of the hit, with no damage caused to the rest of the glass.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: As you will notice from the letterhead of the stationery I am writing to you on, I am spending my vacation at a place called Camp Metropolis. All the bunks are named after your various characters. There is a "Superman Bunk", a "Supergirl" Bunk, a "Lois Lane" bunk. We even have a "Bizarro Bunk" for the kids who

are being punished for breaking the camp rules.

Eddie Latham, Watertown, N. Y.

(How about a "Krypto" Bunk for kids who are in the dog-house?—Ed.)

Dear Editor: I enjoyed your recent story, "Captivity of the Amazons", but I think you made a boo-boo. It states in this story that the "De-structo-Ray" was encased in a lead box. If this is so, how could SUPERMAN's X-ray vision destroy it, inasmuch as lead can stop his X-ray vision?

Neal Post, Bronx, N. Y.

(We plead guilty as charged. It looks as if our entire staff will have to be sentenced to the "Bizarro Bunk" as punishment.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: How come you keep referring to Lori, the mermaid from Atlantis, as Lori Lemaris? Since she's been married for quite some time now, wouldn't she have given up her maiden name?

Pete McElvein, Roanoke, Va.

(You forget that Lori observes customs of Atlantis, which differ from ours. In that watery world it is accepted practice for a woman to retain her family name as long as she lives, even though she is married.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: I was interested in the back cover of the GIANT SUPERMAN ANNUAL, on which you reproduced, in miniature, the covers of four of your "famous first" issues of your various magazines. I sure wish I had the power to look inside the first two! I am not old enough to have read the first issues of SUPERMAN or SUPERBOY. Every once in a while I read that someone would like old copies of these comics, but the answer is always that you don't have back copies for sale. Well, don't you have maybe one or two copies of each old issue, so that you could set up a LIBRARY, where all the famous old issues of DC Comics would be available to the fans? I know that I would be willing to pay an admission, if I came to New York, to read them. Something like that would add extra fun to any visit to New York and give us a chance to read the comics published before many of us were old enough to read and even from before we were born.

Matthew A. Rosenblatt, Cambridge, Mass.

We used to permit visitors to browse through our old issues but had to discontinue this invitation when the copies became torn and spoiled through the constant wear and tear. As a result, our only master file is one we keep on microfilm, and it is restricted solely for reference use by our staff. However, as the years go by, and as our Annual issues become more popular, we will bring back the masterpieces of yester-years. In the meanwhile, do as many of our readers do, and save your copies for your children.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: I have a great suggestion for a story. Why not have SUPERMAN go back in time and visit the planet Krypton? He could try and save his father, Jor-El, and his mother, Lara from destruction. Cy Wexler, Utica, N. Y. *(You've been scooped! See the 3-part novel, "SUPERMAN's RETURN TO KRYPTON", in the November issue of SUPERMAN COMICS, now on sale.—Ed.)*

Dear Editor: In your July issue of ACTION COMICS we see STREAKY, "the world's mightiest cat," flying around in Paul's room. Then as Paul leaves the room STREAKY falls on Paul's bed, on his back. Well, it is a well-known fact that if a cat falls he will lands on his feet no matter from what height he falls.

Frankie Connors, Stoneham, Mass.

(We hope you enjoyed the story despite this cat-astrophe.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: How about a story where SUPERMAN gets a disease? I suppose you'll say he can't get a disease, but it seems to me that if you put the word "super" in front of the name of the disease, it would sound dangerous, such as "super-cancer." The doctors couldn't operate, and it would take real thinking to get SUPERMAN out of that fix.

Lawrence Black, Vancouver, Wash.

(Don't you think SUPERMAN has troubles enough worrying about Green and Red Kryptonite—and the headaches caused him by that super-imp, Mr. Mxyzptik?—Ed.)

Dear Editor: I would like to tell you something that comes from the bottom of my heart. In ACTION COMICS No. 264 you printed a letter from an orphan, B.L.S., of Chicago, who told you how she felt about SUPERGIRL. I think you did a wonderful thing when you printed that letter. I hope that the girl who wrote that letter gets adopted soon.

June Rives, Crane, Texas

(We know that you, along with many other readers who were touched by the letter from Miss B.L.S., will be pleased to learn that, as a result of having her letter published in this department, several childless couples inquired as to how they can adopt her. The various couples are now being screened by the authorities, so it looks as if our friend B.L.S. will have a home with loving parents soon.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: Readers are always writing in to correct your mistakes. Why don't you ask them to send you their test papers? I wonder how many of them never get less than 100% in their marks?

Lewis Hendler, Philadelphia, Pa.

(Thanks for coming to our defense, Lewis, but we wouldn't want our readers to pull their punches. We trust that the fans who write us about our errors do so in the spirit of constructive criticism. We keep dreaming of the day when we can publish an all-perfect issue. It's a goal worth shooting for.—Ed.)

Dear Editor: You often refer to SUPERMAN as "The Man of Steel". Well then, why doesn't he rust from exposure to the rain? Don't tell me he keeps himself well-oiled.

Ben Marcus, St. Louis, Mo.

(This is just a figurative expression, meaning that his body is as hard as steel. You wouldn't expect to see a kindly person with a "heart of gold" just because he is over-generous, would you?—Ed.)

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SUPERGIRL



HELP! IT'S ME--LORI!

HELLO, WE'RE BATMAN AND ROBIN!

ARF! ARF!
HEY, DON'T FORGET TO HELP ME, TOO, SUPERGIRL!

OH, NO! THIS IS MY BUSIEST DAY YET! IF SUPERMAN DOESN'T RETURN FROM OUTER SPACE SOON, I--I'LL GO OUT OF MY MIND!

EVERY ACTIVE YOUNGSTER LIKES LOADS OF ACTION, AND SUPERGIRL, THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST LASS, IS NO EXCEPTION! BUT ONE DAY, WHEN SUPERMAN IS AWAY ON AN OUTER-SPACE MISSION, THE GIRL OF STEEL GETS SO MUCH ACTION IT SETS HER SUPER-SENSES SPINNING! IN FACT, IT'S...

SUPERGIRL'S BUSIEST DAY!



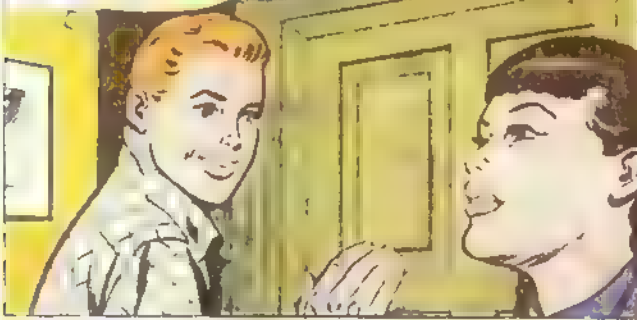
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EARLY ONE MORNING, AT MIDVALE ORPHANAGE, AS LINDA (SUPERGIRL) LEE SPEAKS TO A YOUNG ORPHAN FRIEND, FRANK CULLEN...

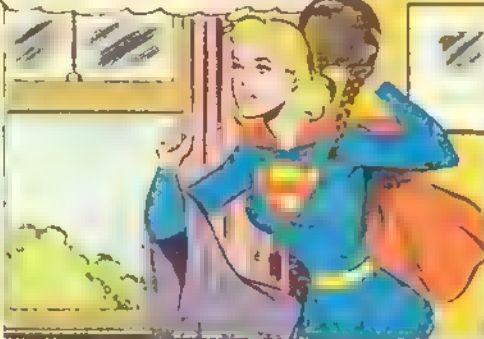
GOSH, I'M EXCITED, LINDA! I'M CADDYING TODAY FOR VINCE GORDON, THE FAMOUS GOLFER! IF ONLY I HAD A DAD LIKE HIM!

HMM...



AFTER FRANK DEPARTS, LINDA REMOVES HER DISGUISE OF A FALSE WIG AND ORDINARY CLOTHING, CHANGING UNSEEN TO THE DYNAMIC IDENTITY OF SUPERGIRL!

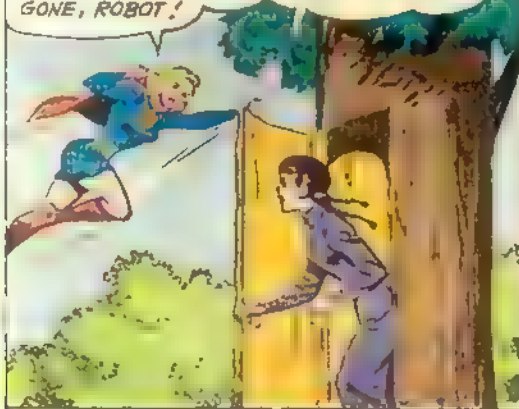
MY SUPER-INTUITION SUGGESTS I TAG ALONG AFTER FRANK!



SWIFTLY, SUPERGIRL FLIES TO THE HOLLOW TREE NEAR THE ORPHANAGE IN WHICH HER LINDA ROBOT IS HIDDEN...

TAKE MY PLACE AT THE ORPHANAGE WHILE I'M GONE, ROBOT!

I SHALL OBEY YOUR COMMAND, SUPERGIRL!



PRESENTLY, AS THE GIRL OF STEEL REACHES THE MIDVALE COUNTRY CLUB...

THAT'S QUITE A STIFF WIND BLOWING, FRANK, BUT WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY A SHOT OR TWO?

I SURE WOULD, MR. GORDON!



ORDINARILY, FRANK IS AN EXCELLENT GOLFER, BUT HE'S SO NERVOUS AND OVER-ANXIOUS TO MAKE A GOOD IMPRESSION ON MR. GORDON THAT HE'S MADE A VERY POOR SHOT! A PUFF OF MY SUPER-BREATH WILL FIX THAT!



EXPERTLY, SUPERGIRL'S MIGHTY BREATH PROPELS THE GOLF BALL TO...

A HOLE IN ONE! GASP!

BY INCREDIBLE LUCK, THE STIFF WIND MUST HAVE BLOWN YOUR BALL INTO THE HOLE! TRY FOR THE NEXT HOLE, FRANK!





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NERVOUSLY, FRANK SWINGS AT THE BALL ONCE MORE ..

AGAIN HIS NERVOUSNESS RUINED THE SHOT! NOW FOR ANOTHER SUPER-PUFF!---

WHAT...? THE BALL SUDDENLY CHANGED DIRECTION!



PRESENTLY...

ANOTHER HOLE-IN-ONE! UNBELIEVABLE! THE WIND MUST HAVE DONE IT AGAIN! SHOOT FOR THE NEXT HOLE, FRANK!



SHORTLY, AT THE NEXT HOLE...

I USED MY SUPER-BREATH ONCE MORE!

THREE HOLES-IN-ONE IN A ROW! I CAN'T BLAME THE WIND THIS TIME, FRANK! EVEN BEFORE THIS HAPPENED, I WAS THINKING OF ADOPTING YOU...



BUT THIS CLINCHES IT! WHAT A FATHER-AND-SON TEAM WE'D MAKE! WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE MY SON?

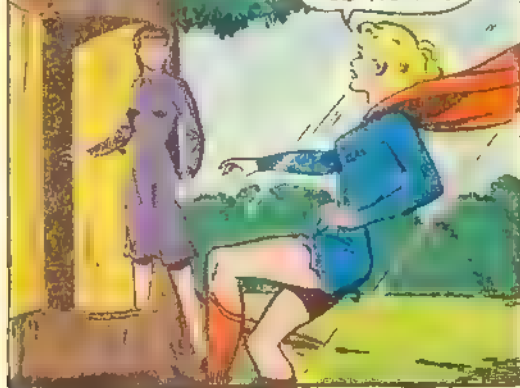
GOLLY, GEE! YES... YES!



BACK TO THE HOLLOW TREE FLIES SUPERGIRL...

NO ONE SUSPECTED A THING, MISTRESS!

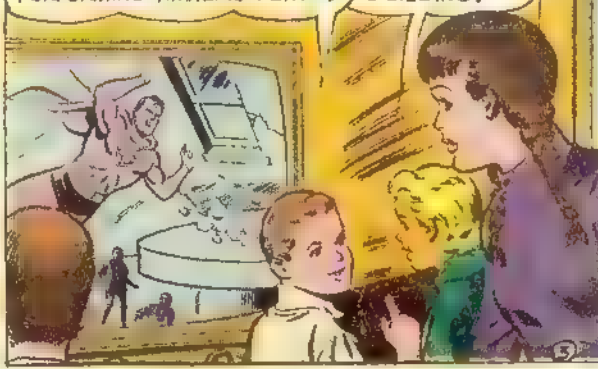
GOOD, ROBOT. I'LL LET YOU KNOW WHEN I NEED YOU AGAIN!



CHANGING BACK TO HER IDENTITY OF LINDA LEE, SHE REJOINS THE OTHER ORPHANS...

YOU'RE JUST IN TIME, LINDA! THEY'RE SHOWING A FILMED T.V. NEWSREEL OF SUPERMAN PERFORMING AMAZING FEATS!

WOW! LOOK AT HIM CATCHING THAT FALLING BUILDING.





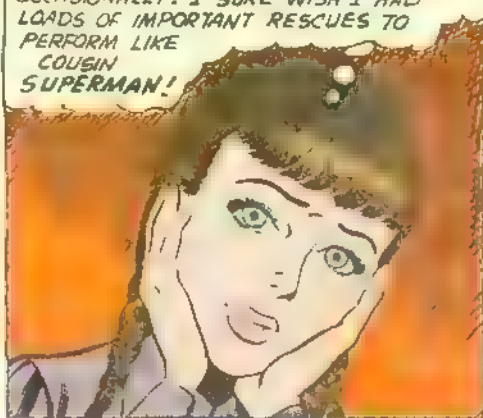
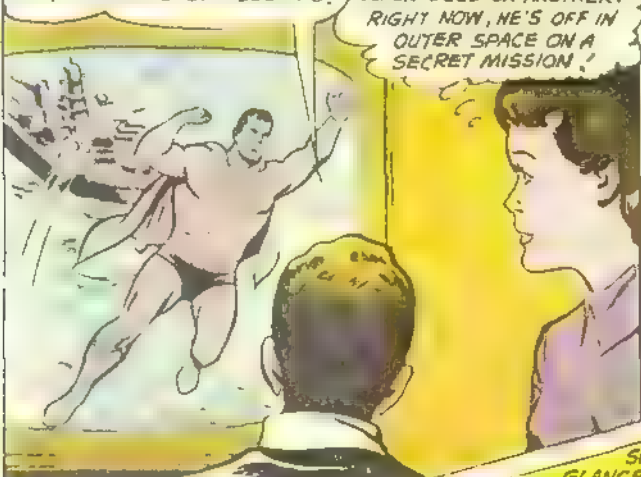
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AND NOW HE'S HELPING THE GOVERNMENT SINK SOME OLD, OUTMODED BATTLESHIPS!

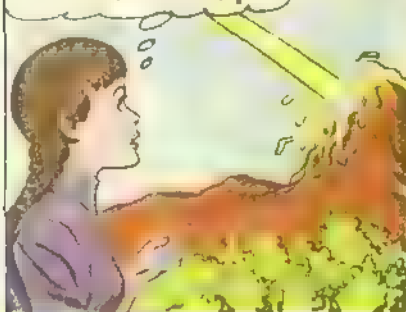
LUCKY **SUPERMAN**! HE'S ALWAYS BUSY WITH ONE SUPER-DEED OR ANOTHER! RIGHT NOW, HE'S OFF IN OUTER SPACE ON A SECRET MISSION!

BUT ME... I'M STUCK HERE IN THE ORPHAN-AGE! I ONLY GO INTO SUPER-ACTION OCCASIONALLY! I SURE WISH I HAD LOADS OF IMPORTANT RESCUES TO PERFORM LIKE COUSIN **SUPERMAN**!

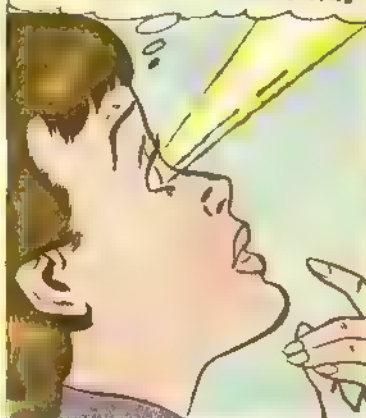


MINUTES LATER, IN THE ORPHANAGE'S EMPTY PLAYGROUND...

GREAT SCOTT! A HUGE X-RAY BEAM HAS FLASHED DOWN OUT OF THE SKY AND IS MELTING THAT NEARBY MOUNTAIN-TOP, WHICH IS MADE OF COPPER ORE! I'D BETTER INVESTIGATE FAST!



SWIFTLY, LINDA GLANCES SKYWARD WITH HER TELESCOPIC VISION... [OH, MY! WHAT I SEE IS-- DREADFUL!... THIS IS A JOB FOR **SUPERGIRL**!]



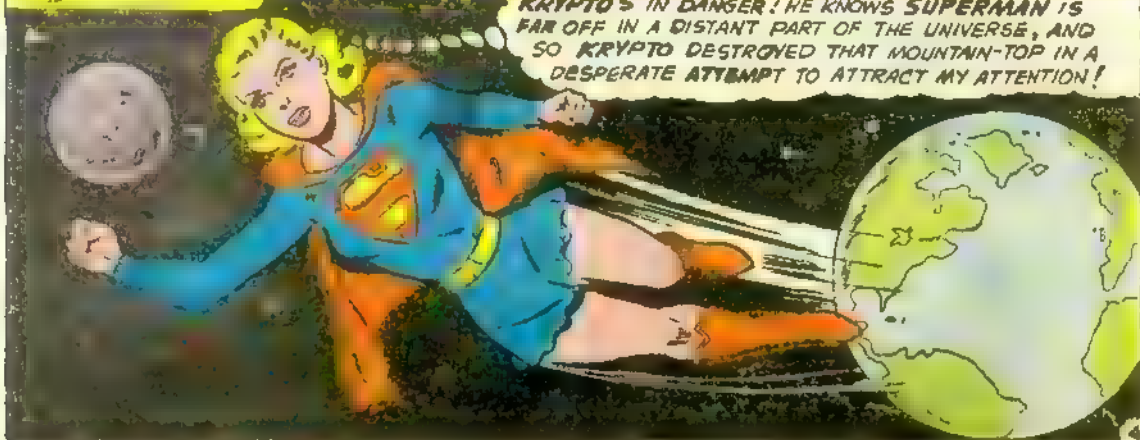
AS THE LINDA ROBOT RECEIVES THE GIRL OF STEEL'S SIGNAL, A COMMAND SENT BY SUPER-VENTRILLOQUY...

IT'S ANOTHER EMERGENCY REQUIRING **SUPERGIRL**'S HELP AGAIN! MOST UNUSUAL! VERY WELL, I'LL TAKE MY MISTRESS' PLACE AT THE ORPHANAGE ONCE MORE!



MEANWHILE, LINDA HAS CHANGED TO THE IDENTITY OF **SUPERGIRL** AND FLASHES UPWARD INTO OUTER SPACE...

KRYPTO'S IN DANGER! HE KNOWS **SUPERMAN** IS FAR OFF IN A DISTANT PART OF THE UNIVERSE, AND SO **KRYPTO** DESTROYED THAT MOUNTAIN-TOP IN A DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO ATTRACT MY ATTENTION!



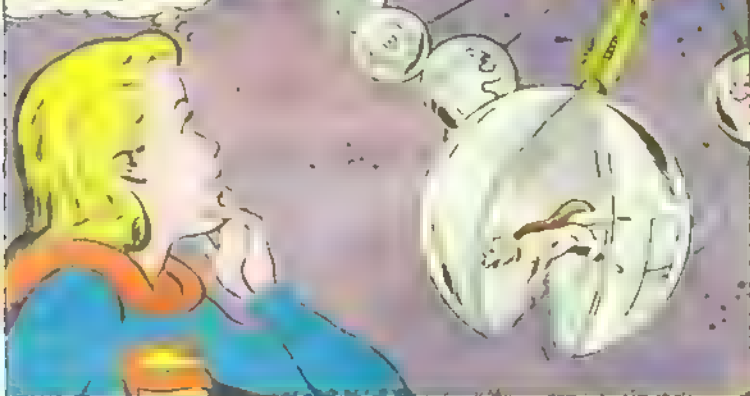


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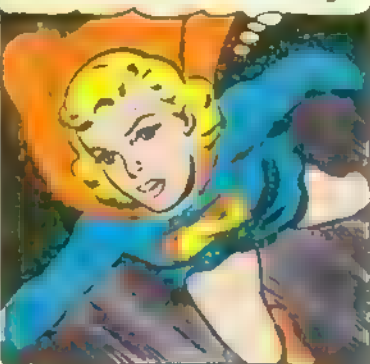


SOON, IN THE DARK VOID

A WEIRD SPACE-SHIP! IT HAS TRAPPED OTHER ANIMALS, AND NOW IT'S CAPTURING KRYPTO, TOO!

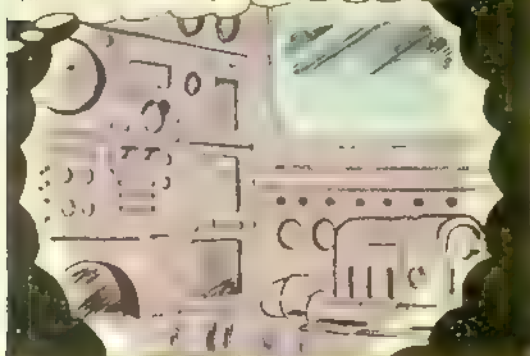


THE CABLE ATTACHED TO THAT TRANSPARENT CRYSTAL BUBBLE OBVIOUSLY IS MADE OF--GREEN KRYPTONITE! WHOEVER IS OPERATING THAT SHIP MUST KNOW KRYPTONITE CAN WEAKEN OTHERWISE INVULNERABLE KRYPTO!



TRULY SUPERGIRL STUDIES THE INTERIOR OF THE STRANGE VESSEL WITH HER SUPER-VISION...

NO ONE'S INSIDE! THE SHIP IS OPERATED BY REMOTE CONTROL! IT IS PROBABLY GATHERING SPECIMENS FOR A ZOO THAT EXISTS ON ANOTHER WORLD!

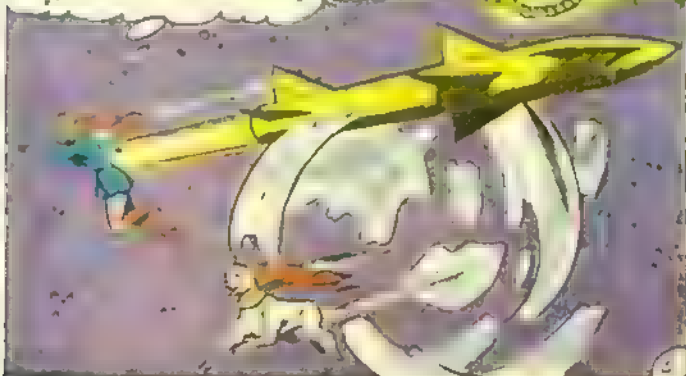


I DON'T DARE GO CLOSE, OR I'LL BE WEAKENED BY THAT KRYPTONITE CABLE, TOO! AH, THAT SPACE-MISSILE IN ORBIT IS JUST WHAT I NEED!



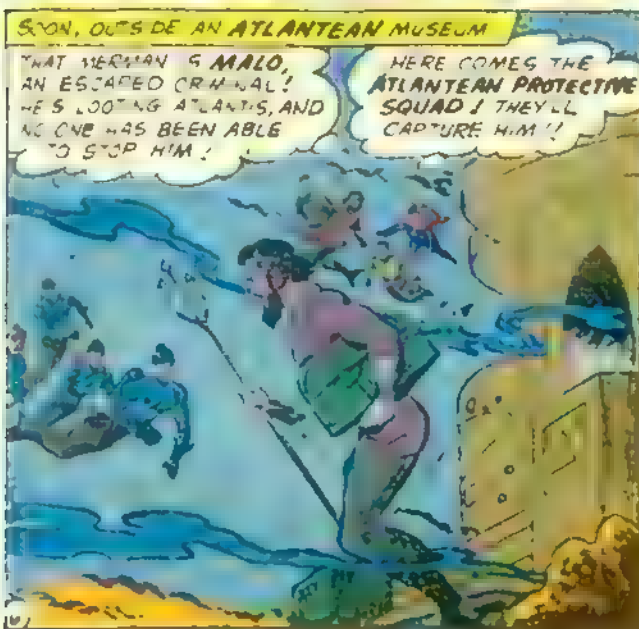
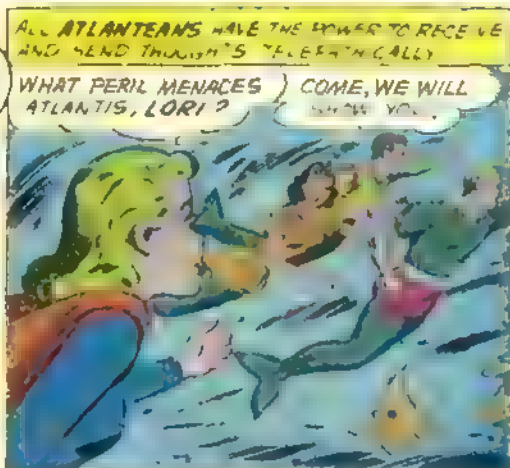
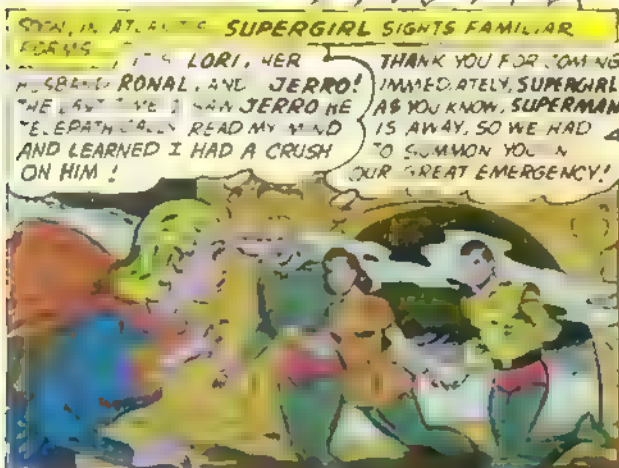
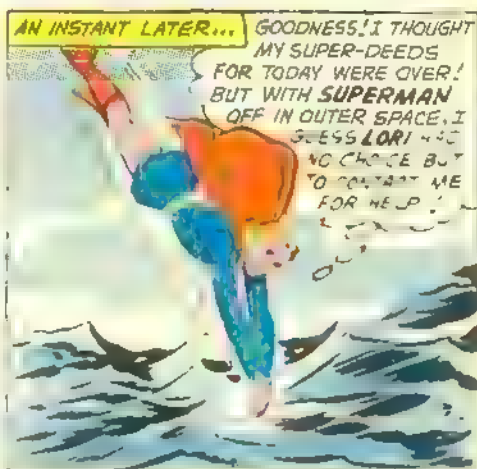
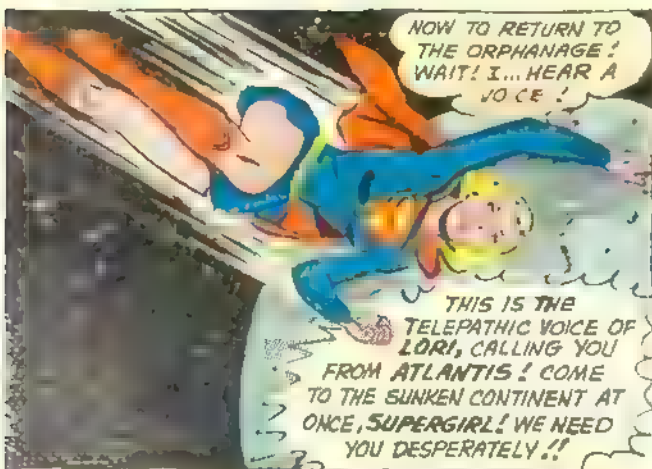
SEIZING THE MISSILE, THE GIRL OF STEEL HURLS IT ACCURATELY, AND

NICE SHOT! THE MISSILE SNAPPED THE CABLE, AND THE "BUBBLE" BURST! KRYPTO'S FREE AGAIN!!



LOOK AT KRYPTO'S TAIL WAGGING GRATEFULLY! ISN'T HE CUTE? I'LL BET FROM NOW ON HE'LL BE CAREFUL ABOUT VENTURING TOO NEAR TO STRANGE SPACE-SHIPS!





BUT AS THE PROTECTIVE SQUAD MAKES GOOD ITS THREAT

HA, HA HA. BACK, SPEARS! GO BACK!

GASP! THE SPEARS ARE REVERSING THEIR FLIGHT, AT THE CRIMINALS COMMAND!!



DESPERATELY, THE SQUAD SCATTERS

FLEE! WE ARE NO MATCH FOR THE FIEND!

HOW CAN WE FIGHT AN ENEMY WHO MAKES US A TARGET OF OUR OWN WEAPONS?!



HE MERELY LAUGHS AT OPPOSITION! WATCH WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THOSE WHALES ATTACK HIM FROM BEHIND, AT MY COMMAND!



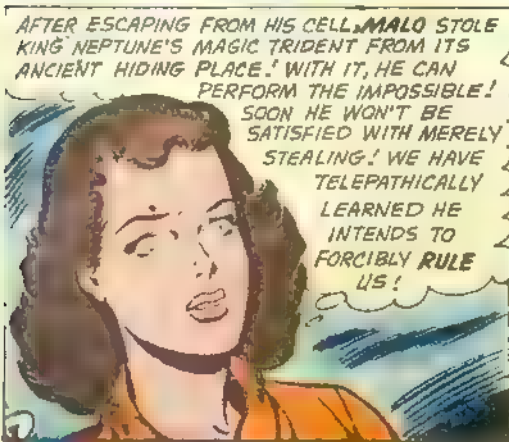
AS THE MAMMOTH CREATURES ARE ALMOST UPON HIM, THE ROGUE MERMAN TURNS, AND

HA, HA! BOUNCE BACK!

THEY'RE REBOUNDED AS IF THEY STRUCK A SOLID WALL! HOW DOES MALO DO IT??

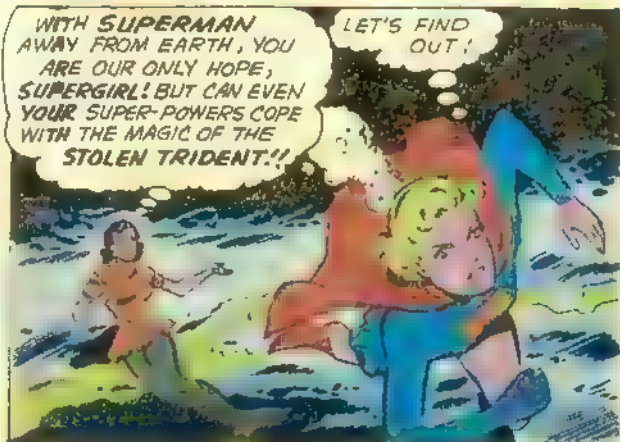


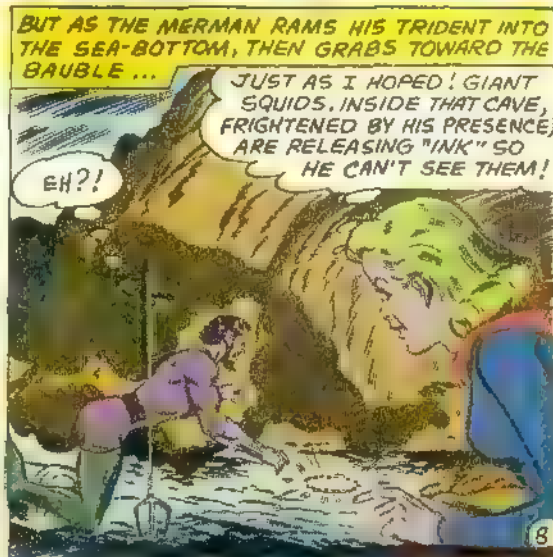
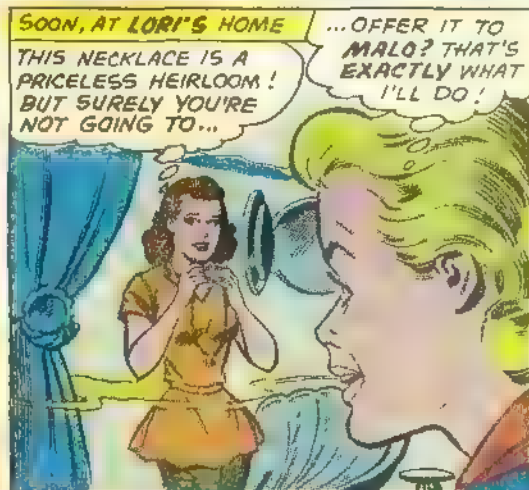
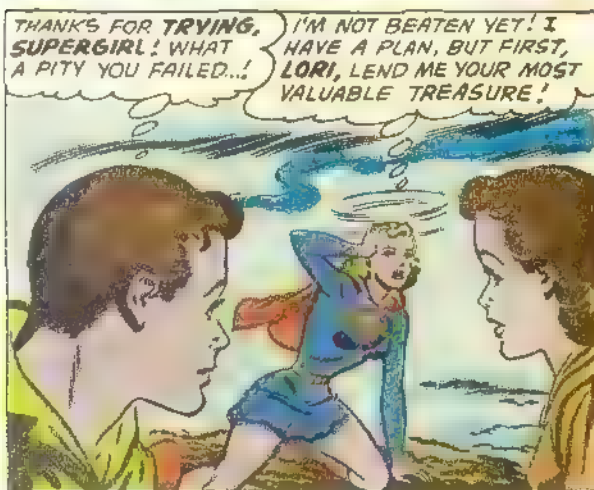
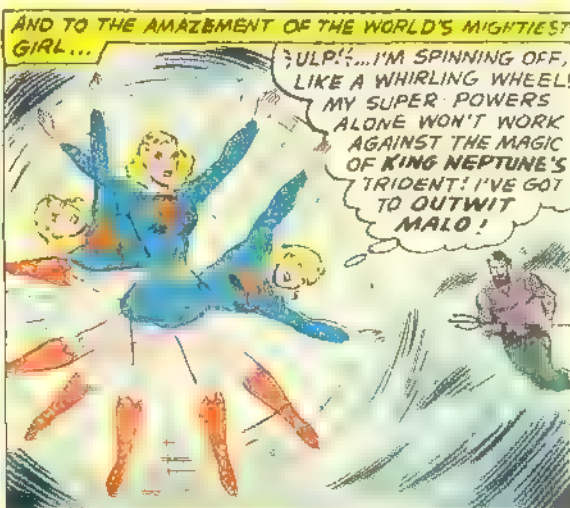
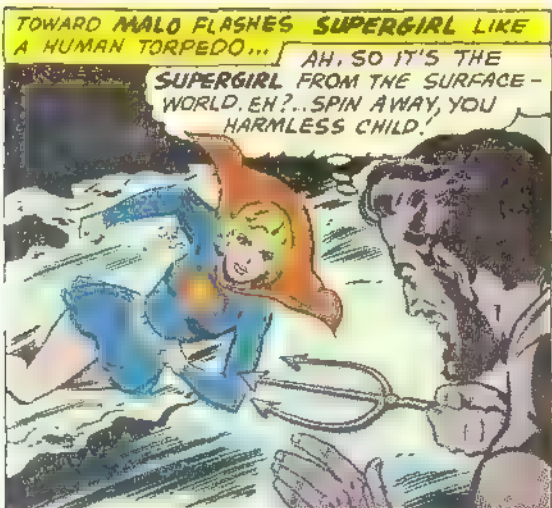
AFTER ESCAPING FROM HIS CELL, MALO STOLE KING NEPTUNE'S MAGIC TRIDENT FROM ITS ANCIENT HIDING PLACE! WITH IT, HE CAN PERFORM THE IMPOSSIBLE! SOON HE WON'T BE SATISFIED WITH MERELY STEALING! WE HAVE TELEPATHICALLY LEARNED HE INTENDS TO FORCIBLY RULE US!



WITH SUPERMAN AWAY FROM EARTH, YOU ARE OUR ONLY HOPE, SUPERGIRL! BUT CAN EVEN YOUR SUPER-POWERS COPE WITH THE MAGIC OF THE STOLEN TRIDENT!!

LET'S FIND OUT!



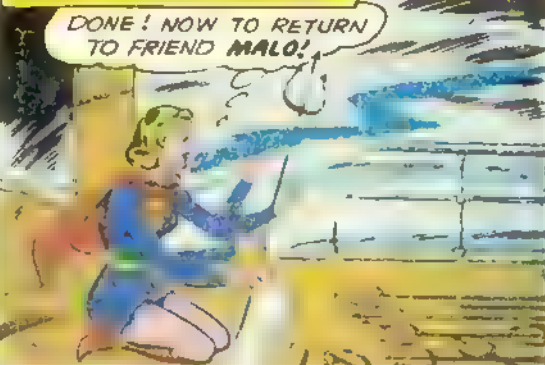


AS MALO IS ENGULFED BY THE BLACK "INK" SUPERGIRL SWIFTLY SWIMS OFF...



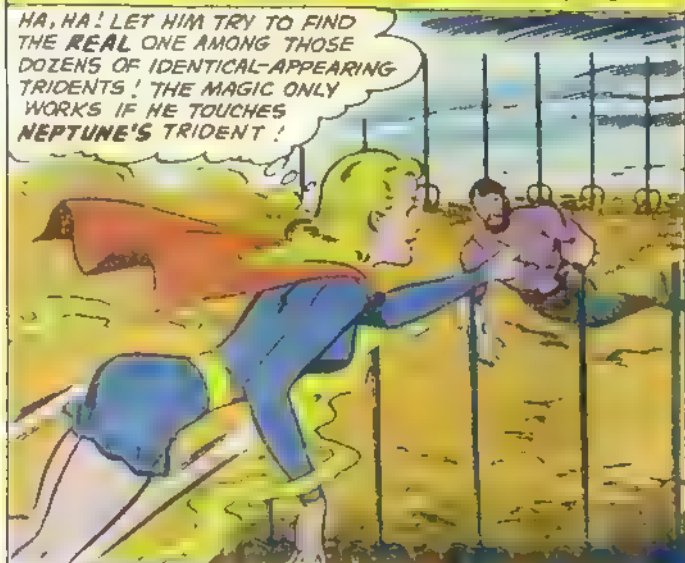
THAT SUNKEN WRECK SHOULD PROVIDE THE MATERIALS I NEED!

ENTERING THE VESSEL, SUPERGIRL SWIFTLY FASHIONS DOZENS OF TRIDENTS OUT OF SCRAP METAL. AT SUPER-SPEED...



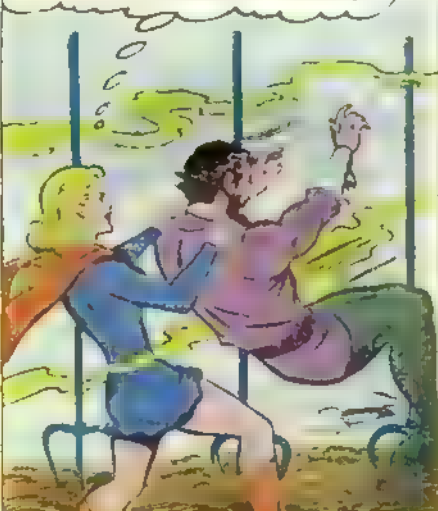
DONE! NOW TO RETURN TO FRIEND MALO!

AND WHEN WATER CURRENTS QUICKLY DISSOLVE THE "INK"



HA, HA! LET HIM TRY TO FIND THE REAL ONE AMONG THOSE DOZENS OF IDENTICAL-APPEARING TRIDENTS! THE MAGIC ONLY WORKS IF HE TOUCHES NEPTUNE'S TRIDENT!

UH-UH! MUSTN'T TOUCH! THAT'S THE REAL TRIDENT YOU WANT, ACCORDING TO MY MICROSCOPIC VISION!



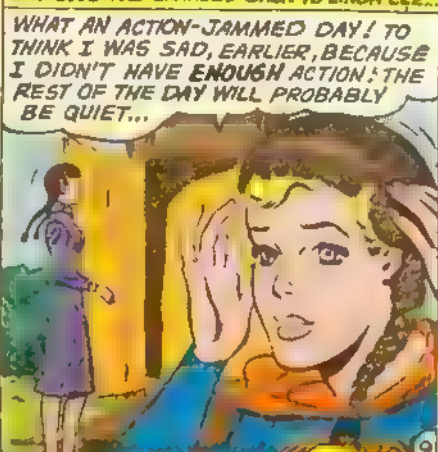
AND AS SUPERGIRL TURNS MALO OVER TO THE PROTECTIVE SQUAD...



YOU'D BETTER HIDE NEPTUNE'S TRIDENT WHERE NO OTHER CRIMINAL WILL BE ABLE TO STEAL IT AND MISUSE ITS FANTASTIC POWERS!

ALL ATLANTIS THANKS YOU! COME AGAIN... SOON!

RETURNING TO MIDVALE ORPHANAGE, SUPERGIRL CHANGES BACK TO LINDA LEE.



WHAT AN ACTION-JAMMED DAY! TO THINK I WAS SAD, EARLIER, BECAUSE I DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH ACTION! THE REST OF THE DAY WILL PROBABLY BE QUIET...



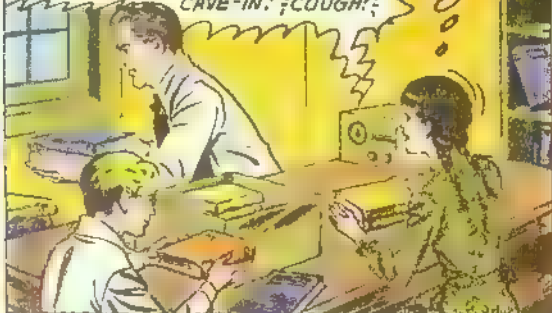
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BUT LATER, AS LINDA HELPS STRAIGHTEN UP A STORAGE ROOM...

THIS IS **BATMAN**, CUTTING IN ON THE NETWORK BROADCAST WITH MY BELT-RADIO!...COUGH, COUGH!...CALLING **SUPERMAN**! **ROBIN** AND I NEED YOUR HELP AT ONCE! WE'RE TRAPPED IN A **BAT-CAVE** CAVE-IN!...COUGH!

WITH **SUPERMAN** AWAY IN OUTER SPACE, THE RESCUE IS UP TO ME!



YET I CAN'T STAY HERE, AND ALLOW **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** TO SUFFOCATE FROM LACK OF OXYGEN! WAIT, THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA!



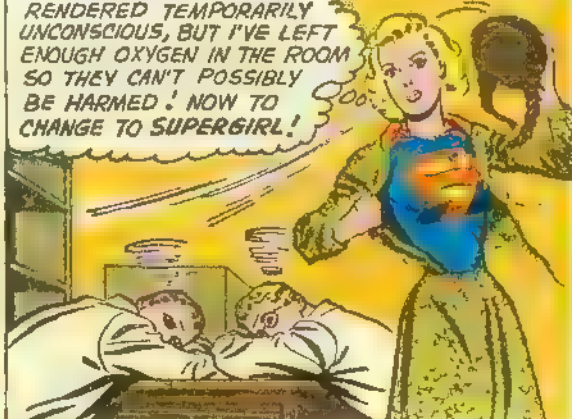
BUT AS SHE USES HER SUPER-VISION...

I CAN'T CHANGE TO **SUPERGIRL** IN FRONT OF THE OTHERS AND LEAVE WITHOUT REVEALING MY TRUE IDENTITY...MY SUPER-VISION SEES A HUNTER NEAR THE HOLLOW TREE! I CAN'T SEND MY ROBOT OR IT WOULD BE SEEN!



QUICKLY, LINDA INHALES MOST OF THE OXYGEN IN THE ROOM...WITH HER SUPER-POWERFUL LUNGS...

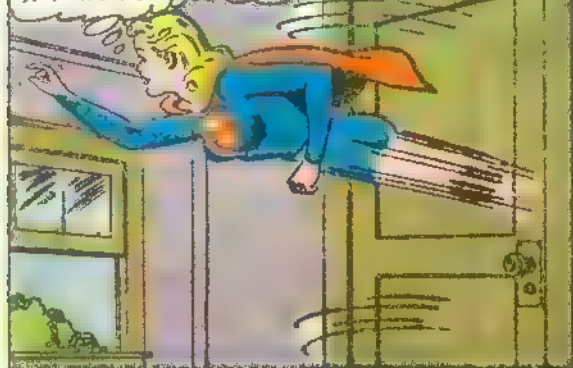
THE OTHERS HAVE BEEN RENDERED TEMPORARILY UNCONSCIOUS, BUT I'VE LEFT ENOUGH OXYGEN IN THE ROOM SO THEY CAN'T POSSIBLY BE HARMED! NOW TO CHANGE TO **SUPERGIRL**!



THEN SHE EXITS AT SUPER-SPEED...

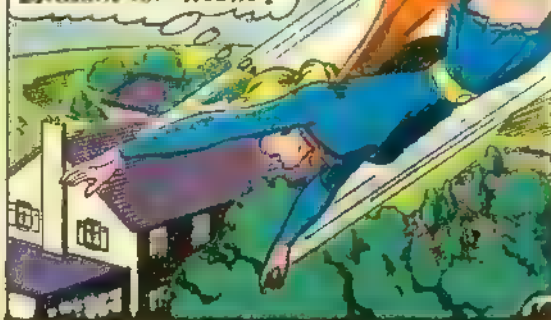
I OPENED AND SHUT THE DOOR SO QUICKLY, MORE OXYGEN DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO ENTER THE ROOM! I'LL BE BACK IN A FLASH!

STORE ROOM



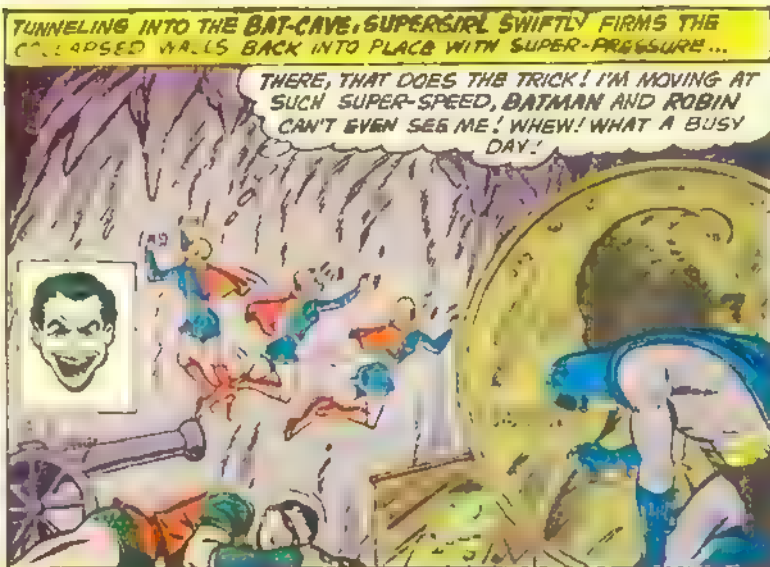
THROUGH THE SKY TO GOTHAM CITY STREAKS SUPERGIRL, FASTER THAN THE HUMAN EYE CAN FOLLOW...

THERE'S THE HOME OF WEALTHY SOCIALITE **BRUCE WAYNE** AND HIS YOUNG WARD **DICK GRAYSON**, BELOW! SECRETLY, THEY'RE **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**!



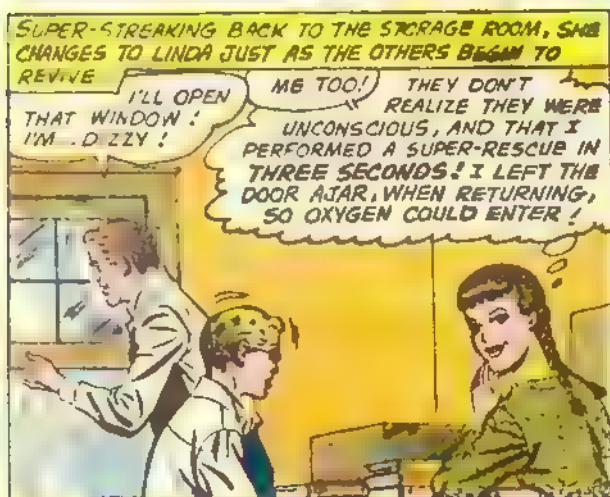


NOW TO BURROW DOWN INTO THE BAT-CAVE, HIDDEN BENEATH THEIR HOME!



TUNNELING INTO THE BAT-CAVE, SUPERGIRL SWIFTLY FIRMS THE COLLAPSED WALLS BACK INTO PLACE WITH SUPER-PRESSURE...

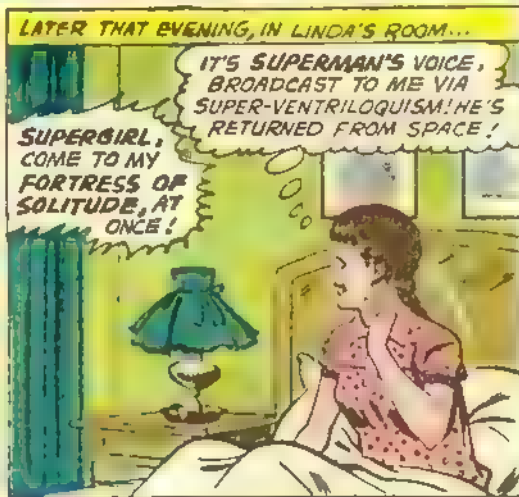
THERE, THAT DOES THE TRICK! I'M MOVING AT SUCH SUPER-SPEED, BATMAN AND ROBIN CAN'T EVEN SEE ME! WHEW! WHAT A BUSY DAY!



SUPER-STREAKING BACK TO THE STORAGE ROOM, SHE CHANGES TO LINDA JUST AS THE OTHERS BEGIN TO REVIVE

I'LL OPEN THAT WINDOW! I'M... DIZZY!

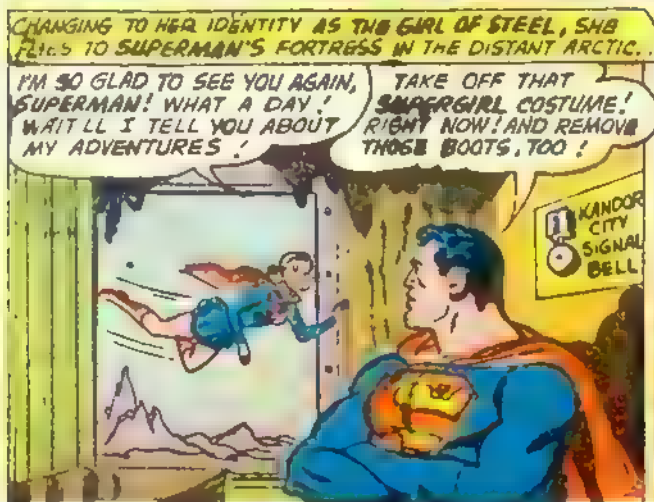
ME TOO! THEY DON'T REALIZE THEY WERE UNCONSCIOUS, AND THAT I PERFORMED A SUPER-RESCUE IN THREE SECONDS! I LEFT THE DOOR AJAR, WHEN RETURNING, SO OXYGEN COULD ENTER!



LATER THAT EVENING, IN LINDA'S ROOM...

IT'S SUPERMAN'S VOICE, BROADCAST TO ME VIA SUPER-VENTRILLOQUISM! HE'S RETURNED FROM SPACE!

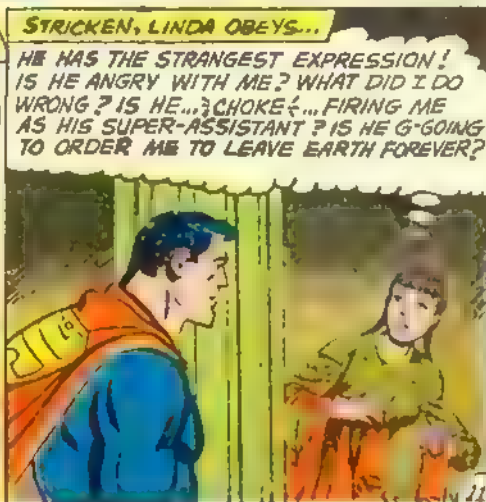
SUPERGIRL, COME TO MY FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE, AT ONCE!



CHANGING TO HER IDENTITY AS THE GIRL OF STEEL, SHE FLIES TO SUPERMAN'S FORTRESS IN THE DISTANT ARCTIC...

I'M SO GLAD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, SUPERMAN! WHAT A DAY! WAIT! I TELL YOU ABOUT MY ADVENTURES!

TAKE OFF THAT SUPERGIRL COSTUME! RIGHT NOW! AND REMOVE THOSE BOOTS, TOO!

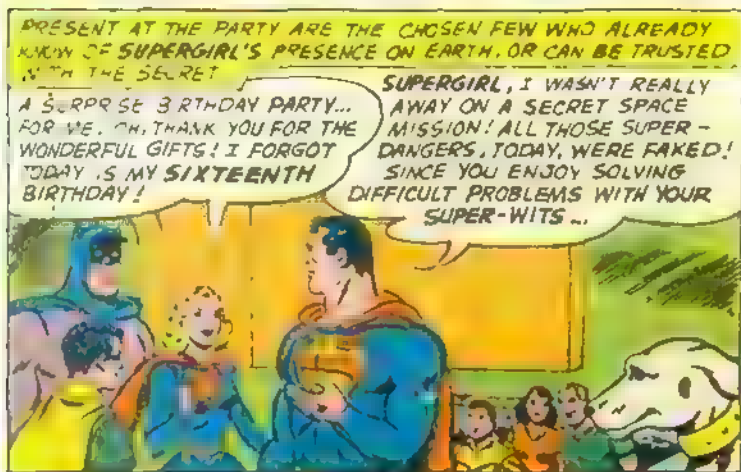
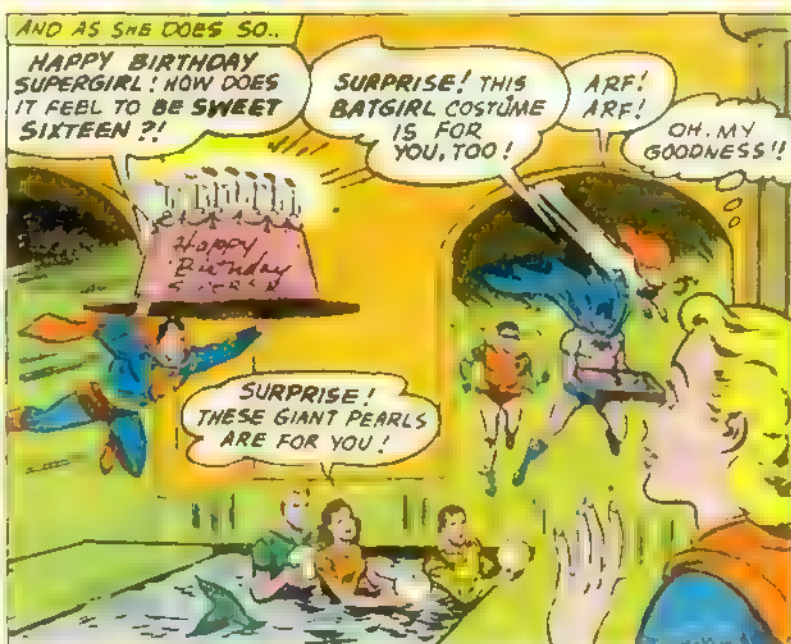
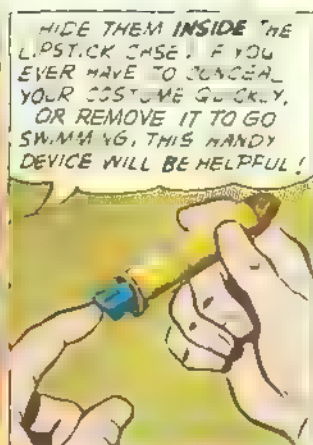
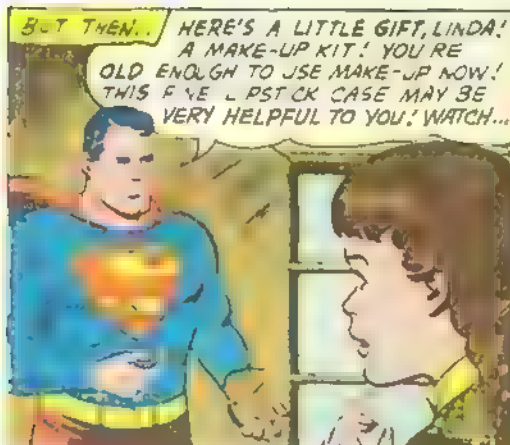


STRICKEN, LINDA OBEYS...

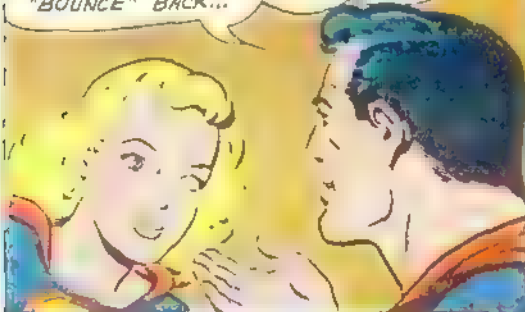
HE HAS THE STRANGEST EXPRESSION! IS HE ANGRY WITH ME? WHAT DID I DO WRONG? IS HE...? CHOKE?... FIRING ME AS HIS SUPER-ASSISTANT? IS HE G-GOING TO ORDER ME TO LEAVE EARTH FOREVER?



ACTION COMICS



... NEPTUNE'S TRIDENT WAS REAL, OF COURSE, BUT I PRETENDED TO BE BEFUZZLED BY THE SQUID'S "INK" AND HELPLESS WITHOUT THE TRIDENT! OF COURSE, I HAD THE CO-OPERATION OF LORI AND HER FRIENDS... SHE MENTALLY ORDERED THOSE WHALES TO "BOUNCE" BACK...



R-RING

KANDOR CITY SIGNAL BELL

THAT BATCAVE "CAVE-IN" WAS ARRANGED BY ME, TOO! BATMAN AND ROBIN OF COURSE CAN BE TRUSTED WITH THE SECRET OF YOUR EXISTENCE ON EARTH... OH-- OH-- THE BOTTLE CITY OF KANDOR IS SIGNALLING A SURPRISE FOR YOU!

WHAT SHE SEES N THE BOTTLE

OH, ISN'T THAT SWEET! THE PEOPLE OF KANDOR BUILT A "GIANT" SIGN IN MY HONOR!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SUPERGIRL

EARTH MONITOR

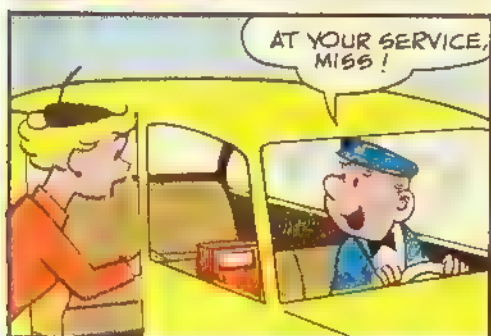
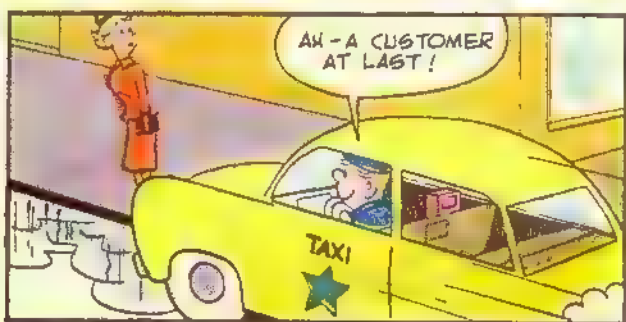
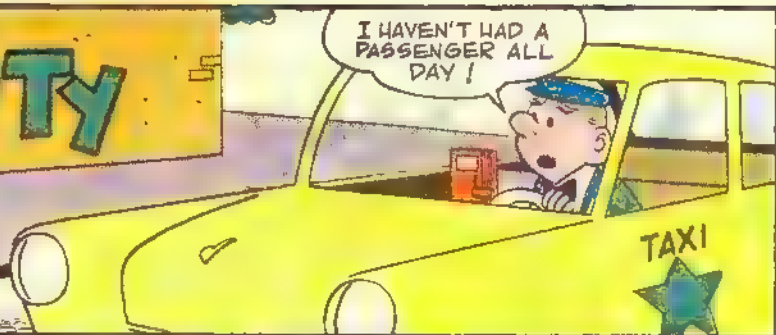
AND AS SUPERMAN PRESENTS A PRIVATE SUPERGIRL ROOM TO THE GIRL OF STEEL IN HIS FORTRESS, A ROOM THAT WILL BE HERS ALONE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEAR SUPERGIRL-- HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

SUPERGIRL ROOM

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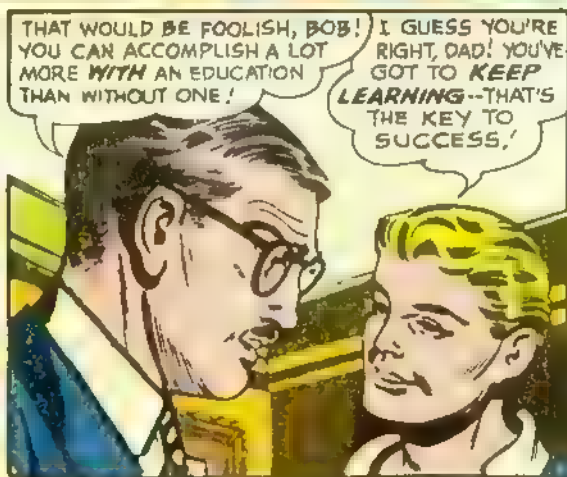
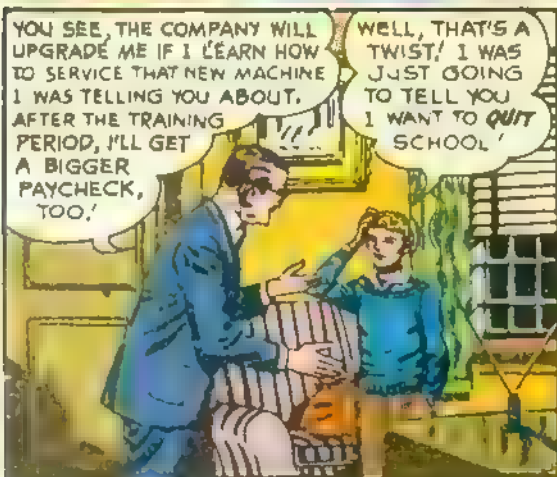
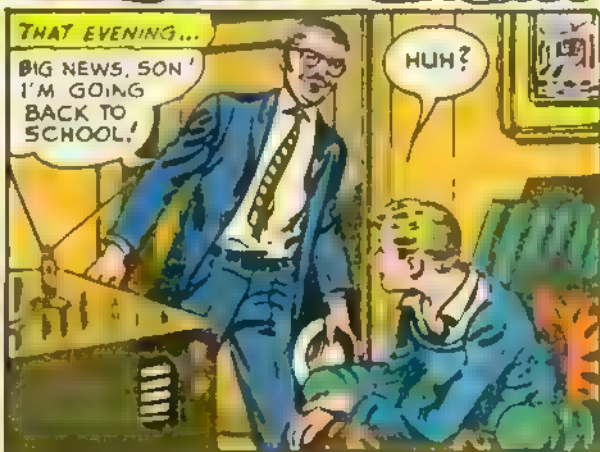
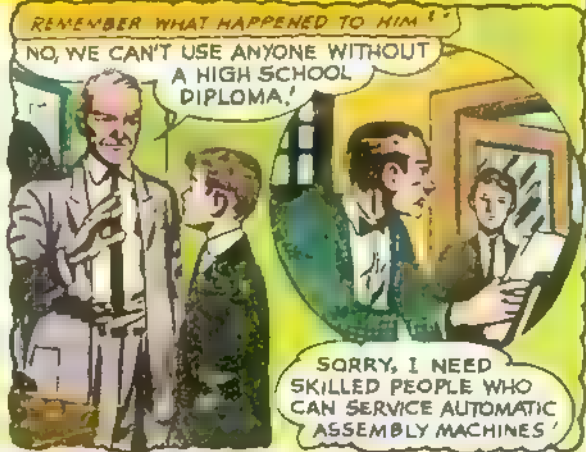
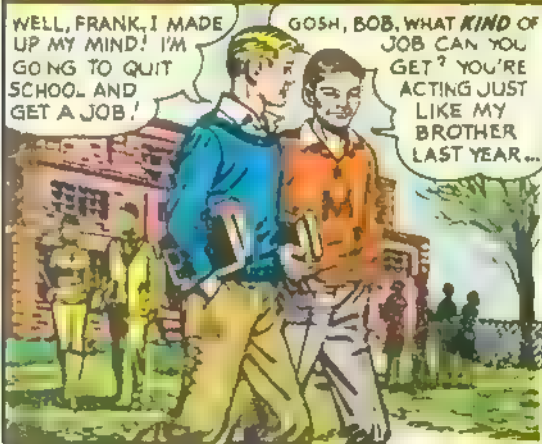


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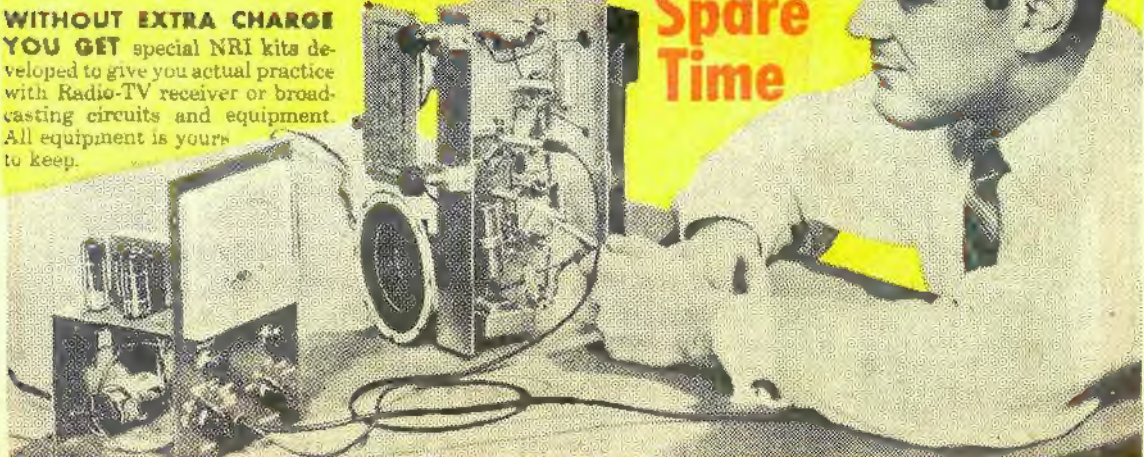
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